

U.S. National Committee for IUGS
PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
at the IUGS/IGC 2020 Council Meeting, Delhi, India, March 2020
January 6, 2020

1- Resolution on the Selection of Host Sites for the IUGS Secretariat

This resolution is proposed to give bidding countries a framework and a list of minimum requirements on which to organize their bids to host the IUGS Secretariat. This also provides IUGS Council with criteria to review proposals and select sites for hosting the IUGS Secretariat. The intent is to provide an open and fair process for all interested parties.

When choosing among bids to host the IUGS Secretariat, the parameters to be considered shall include:

- Administrative support for the IUGS president and Executive Committee
- Administrative support for IUGS programs, commissions, and task groups
- Contact point for national and associate members of the IUGS
- Coordination of IUGS correspondence
- Support for the maintenance of the IUGS website
- Support for the production of the IUGS e-newsletter
- Administrative support of the cooperation with other international organizations
- Possible hosting of interns to support the work of the Secretariat
- Contributions to the salary of support staff
- Provision of in-kind office space, archive space, and supplies

It would be preferable that bids for hosting the Secretariat be offered for a minimum of two consecutive terms (8 years) with the possibility of a further extension. Bids should be submitted no less than four months before the start of the next IUGS-IGC Congress. The decision to choose a specific site for the IUGS Secretariat will rest on a vote of the IUGS-IGC International Council.

2- Resolution on Recognition of Big Science Programs by IUGS

This resolution directs the IUGS Executive Committee to develop standards and guidelines for recognition of Big Science programs by IUGS. Questions that should be addressed by the EC include: How are Big Science Programs (BSPs) defined and recognized? What are the requirements for a program to be recognized by IUGS as a Big Science Program (i.e., a definition of the principal elements of the program)? How do BSPs collaborate or interact with other international research initiatives, and to what extent are new advances expected? What is the expected duration of the proposed BSP program? What mechanisms can be developed to encourage and invite the development of BSP and how will these be advertised and announced? And, who

evaluates potential IUGS recognition as a Big Science Program? Are Big Science Programs self-funded or can they receive any IUGS funding? If so, what are the limits of the funding in amount and duration?

This resolution seeks to establish an open and orderly process for interested groups to propose a Big Science Project for recognition by IUGS. The decision on whether to support a given program or a program proposal will rest on a vote of the IUGS Executive Committee, based on the guidelines developed under this resolution.

3- Resolution on diversity and inclusivity in all IUGS/IGC activities and functions

As a guiding principle, IUGS/IGC organizers and leaders should strive to encourage diversity and inclusion when planning and delivering all activities and functions (including but not limited to governance, panels, technical sessions, workshops, nominations for awards, and symposia). Special care should be also placed to include women, people from diverse cultures, and colleagues from low and middle income countries as keynote speakers or equivalent positions of importance and visibility at the International Geological Congress. All geoscientists of the world should have equal access and opportunity to contribute to the advancement of global geoscience. The IUGS must be at the forefront of these efforts globally.